

MEMORANDUM

To: Sheryl Howe
From: Scott King *SK*
Date: July 15, 1999

Subject: Nichols Heading, new diversion point from Big Lost River, WD34

Several water users have been diverting water from the lower end of the Big Lost River. The diversion structure has been in place for several years, but was generally not used in recent history. It is currently being used, mainly due to the high water conditions in the valley. The attached map shows its location at T04N R26E 09 SWSWNE, just upstream from the siphon that delivers water from the Westside canal to the east side of the Big Lost River. I tagged the site with GPS Site Tag Number A0010017. The water users usually get their deliveries from the Moore diversion, but have been taking water at the Nichols Heading, which is apparently preferred by the BLRID. Doug Rosenkrance does not object to diversions at the Nichols Heading only during periods of high water.

At this time, there are only two water rights authorized to divert at the Nichols Heading. They are 34-00646 and 34-00647, owned by Jay & Susan Pearson. These two rights may also be diverted into the Moore canal. It is probable that a number of other water right holders, including the BLRID, may file transfers to authorize diversions at the Nichols Heading, but Pearson is the only authorized diverter at this time. Rosenkrance prefers any rights authorized to divert at this location be conditioned that deliveries will be made only during times of high water due to the excessive losses between the Moore diversion and Nichols Heading.

Tim suggested that you add this diversion to the accounting program, and assign it a diversion number. The diversion currently does not have a lockable headgate nor a measuring device. However, users have been instructed to install such if the diversion will continue to be used. Also attached is a copy of a letter I sent yesterday.



